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Davis County Health Department Receives Funding To Prepare For National Accreditation

(Clearfield, Utah) – Davis County Health Department has been awarded \$33,500 to support its progress in meeting the requirements of the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), the first and only voluntary national accreditation program for public health departments.

The Davis County Health Department is one of 29 local health departments from 19 states to receive this funding through the Accreditation Support Initiative (ASI). A total of 147 local health departments of all sizes and types, ranging from rural to urban, applied for funding.

The ASI was created in 2011 to promote national accreditation readiness among a greater number of local health departments and support their varying needs to reach accreditation. Funding for the ASI is provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (CDC) and administered by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO).

“Quality improvement is one of the most important investments a local health department can make – always seeking ways to do things better, more efficiently, with just the right amount of resources, and with a greater impact,” said NACCHO Executive Director Robert M. Pestronk. “As a participant in this initiative, Davis County Health Department is taking a big step to ensure better health for the people of Davis County.”

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Davis County's health department received funding under the general category of progress towards completing a community health improvement process. The department will use the grant to complete the county's community health improvement plan and pay part of the PHAB application fees.

"We are pleased to have received the Accreditation Support Initiative funding from the CDC and NACCHO," said Lewis Garrett, director of the Davis County Health Department. "We have been preparing to seek public health accreditation for a couple of years now. These funds will help us work toward our goal of advancing public health quality and performance in Davis County. We look forward to working with community partners to improve the health of Davis County residents in a significant way."

More information, including a full list of selected local health departments and descriptions of the work they have been funded to complete, can be found at www.naccho.org/asi.

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